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Item 1. Opening of the sixth session

In accordance with rule 34 of the rules of procedure of the General Conference, the President of the fifth session, or, in his absence, the head of the delegation from which the President of that session was elected (Cameroon), will open the sixth session of the General Conference.

Item 2. Election of officers a/

At each regular session the Conference shall, with due regard for equitable geographical representation, elect, from among the representatives of Members, the following officers: a President and nine Vice-Presidents, as well as a Chairman for each Main Committee (rule 35). The officers elected shall constitute the General Committee.

(a) **Election of the President**

In accordance with rule 35 and appendix A of the rules of procedure, the President of the sixth session should be elected from the States in List D of Annex I to the Constitution.

(b) **Election of other officers**

The nine Vice-Presidents shall be elected so as to ensure the representative character of the General Committee (rule 35.3). Should the Conference decide to establish Main Committees (see item 4 below), the Conference shall also elect a Chairman for each Main Committee.

Item 3. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with Article 9.4 (g) of the Constitution, the Industrial Development Board at its fourteenth session adopted the provisional agenda for the sixth session of the General Conference as reflected in decision IDB.14/Dec.25. The provisional agenda to be submitted to the Conference for approval is contained in document GC.6/1.

Item 4. Organization of work

The General Committee shall propose to the Conference the establishment of Main Committees and of any other sessional bodies of the Conference. It shall propose to the Conference the allocation of items between the plenary meetings, the Main Committees and any other sessional bodies (rule 42). In the past, at each regular session the Conference established a Main Committee to which all the substantive items of the agenda were referred for a more focused debate aimed at the preparation of consensus draft decisions and resolutions for submission to the plenary. When considering the organization of work, it should be kept in mind that the budget for the Conference in the programme and budgets of UNIDO, 1994-1995 (GC.5/14/Rev.1 and Corr.1), provides only for ten plenary meetings, five main committee meetings and five geographical group meetings.

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a/ To ensure equitable geographical distribution in the election of officers and the elections to organs, account has to be taken of the latest lists of States to be included in Annex I to the Constitution, which are contained in document GC.6/17/Rev.1. Before proceeding to the elections, as explained in paragraph 2 of that document, the General Conference will have to decide in which of the lists of States (A,B,C or D) a number of new Member States are to be included.

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Item 5. Credentials of representatives in the Conference

As stipulated in Article 8.1 of the Constitution of UNIDO, the Conference shall consist of representatives of all Members of the Organization. Membership in the Organization is defined in Article 3 of the Constitution. In accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the credentials of representatives and the names and titles of the other persons constituting the Member's delegation shall be submitted to the Director-General if possible not less than one week before the opening of the session which the delegation will attend. Any later change in the composition of the delegation also shall be submitted to the Director-General. The credentials of representatives shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member concerned. A Permanent Representative to the Organization does not require special credentials if his/her letter of accreditation to the Organization specifies that he/she is authorized to represent his/her Government at sessions of the Conference, it being understood that this does not preclude that Government from accrediting another person as its representative by means of special credentials.

A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference on the proposal of the President. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the United Nations General Assembly at its fiftieth session, which is as follows: China, Luxembourg, Mali, Marshall Islands, Russian Federation, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America and Venezuela. The Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report without delay to the Conference which shall decide any question arising (rule 28).

Item 6. Elections to organs a/

(a) **Industrial Development Board**

In accordance with Article 9.1 of the Constitution, the Industrial Development Board shall consist of 53 Members of the Organization elected by the Conference, which shall give due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. In electing the members of the Board, the Conference shall observe the following distribution of seats: 33 members of the Board shall be elected from the States listed in Parts A and C, 15 from the States listed in Part B, and 5 from the States listed in Part D of Annex I to the Constitution.

In accordance with Article 9.2 of the Constitution, "members of the Board shall hold office from the close of the regular session of the Conference at which they were elected until the close of the regular session of the Conference four years thereafter ... Members of the Board may be re-elected."

At present, the Board is composed of the following States: Algeria,** Argentina,** Austria,** Belarus,* Belgium,* Bolivia,* Brazil,* Cameroon,* Chile,* China,* Côte d'Ivoire,** Cuba,** Ecuador,** Egypt,** Ethiopia,* France,* Germany,* Ghana,* Guinea,* India,** Iran (Islamic Republic of),** Italy,* Japan,* Kuwait,* Lebanon,** Mexico,** Netherlands,** Nicaragua,** Nigeria,** Norway,** Pakistan,* Philippines,** Poland,** Portugal,** Qatar,** Republic of Korea,* Romania,* Russian Federation,** Saudi Arabia,** Slovakia,* Spain,** Sudan,** Sweden,** Switzerland,** Thailand,* Tunisia,* Turkey,** Uganda,** United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,* United States of America,* Venezuela,* Zambia,** Zimbabwe.*

(b) **Programme and Budget Committee**

In accordance with Article 10.1 of the Constitution, the Programme and Budget Committee shall consist of 27 Members of the Organization elected by the Conference, which shall give due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. In electing the members of the Committee, the Conference shall observe the following distribution of seats: 15 members of the Committee shall be elected from the States listed in Parts A and C, 9 from the States listed in Part B, and 3 from the States listed in Part D of Annex I to the Constitution.

In accordance with Article 10.2, "members of the Committee shall hold office from the close of the regular session of the Conference at which they were elected until the close of the regular session of the Conference two years thereafter. Members of the Committee may be re-elected."

At its fifth session, the Conference elected the following States to hold office until the close of the sixth regular session of the Conference in December 1995: Argentina, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America.

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* Term of office expires at the close of the sixth regular session of the General Conference in 1995.

** Term of office expires at the close of the seventh regular session of the General Conference in 1997.

Other stipulations concerning the election of the members of the Industrial Development Board and the Programme and Budget Committee are contained in rule 102 of the rules of procedure of the General Conference.

Item 7. Reports of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth regular sessions

In accordance with Article 9.4 (c) of the Constitution, the Board shall report to the Conference at each regular session on the activities of the Board.

Since the closure of the fifth session of the Conference, the Board will have held its twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth regular sessions. The Conference will have before it the following documents:

- Report of the Board on the work of its twelfth session, 9-13 May 1994 (GC.6/2)

- Report of the Board on the work of its thirteenth session, 7-11 November 1994 (GC.6/3)

- Report of the Board on the work of its fourteenth session, 26-30 June 1995 and 31 October 1995 (GC.6/4 and Add.1)

Item 8. State and prospects of the reform and revitalization process:

(a) **UNIDO policy framework - Organizational and staff structure**

At its fifth session in resolution GC.5/Res.18 the General Conference, recalling Board decision IDB.11/Dec.40 and reaffirming the need to revitalize the Organization for the effective achievement of its constitutional mandates, approved the proposals of the Director-General on the future policy framework of UNIDO and its organizational and staff structure outlined in document GC.5/23. In its resolution GC.5/Res.20, the Conference also adopted the Yaoundé Declaration in which the priorities of the reformed UNIDO were emphasized. Subsequently, progress reports on action taken as a follow-up to these two resolutions were submitted by the Director-General to the Board at its twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth sessions (IDB.12/5, IDB.13/27 and Corr.1 and IDB.14/13).

In its decision IDB.14/Dec.2, the Board, stressing the significance of the UNIDO reform, also in the broader context of efforts to improve the functioning of the United Nations system as a whole, recognized the need for establishing criteria for measuring the achievement of the objectives contained in General Conference resolutions GC.5/Res.18 and GC.5/Res.20, and requested the Director-General: (a) to submit to the sixth session of the General Conference a report on the implementation of resolution GC.5/Res.18, including his proposals on the seven programmatic themes and focusing UNIDO activities for the 1996-1997 biennium, as contained in document IDB.14/13, and also to submit a timetable for its further implementation; and (b) to base the report on the progress indicators, as enumerated in the annex to decision IDB.4/Dec.2, due account being taken, where relevant, of comments made by delegations during the fourteenth session of the Board.

The Conference will have before it:

- Implementation of the UNIDO reform (General Conference resolution GC.5/Res.18). Report by the Director-General (GC.6/30)

(b) **Annual reports of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization for 1993 and 1994**

In accordance with rule 13.1 (b), the provisional agenda for each regular session of the Conference shall include the annual reports of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization. The Conference will have before it the annual reports of UNIDO for 1993 and 1994 (IDB.12/2; IDB.14/10; IDB.14/10/Add.1 and Corr.1; IDB.14/10/Add.2 and Corr.1), which were submitted to the Board at its twelfth and fourteenth sessions. These reports reflect the provisions of Conference resolution GC.4/Res.2 in which the Director-General was requested to fully incorporate in future annual reports the programme performance report. Furthermore, the *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* takes into account General Conference decision GC.5/Dec.9, in which the Director-General is invited to present the information in future annual reports as succinctly as possible, with a particular focus on the quality of UNIDO services. In trying to accommodate these two concerns of the General Conference, the *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* has been redesigned as a new, succinct and analytic document. An addendum thereto supplements the information by providing the interim programme performance report for the first year of the biennium 1994-1995 for those segments of the programme and budgets with measurable outputs. The information is further supplemented by a statistical annex and appendices on selected activities.

Concerning these two annual reports, the Board adopted decisions IDB.12/Dec.2 and IDB.14/Dec.3.

The Conference will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 1993* (IDB.12/2)

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.14/10; IDB.14/10/Add.1 and Corr.1; IDB.14/10/Add.2 and Corr.1)

(c) **Medium-term plan, 1996-2001**

In accordance with Conference decision GC.2/Dec.23, the Director-General submitted to the Board in the first year of the fiscal period 1994-1995, through the Programme and Budget Committee, a draft medium-term plan for the six years 1996-2001.

The Board considered the proposals of the Director-General at its thirteenth and fourteenth sessions. Its recommendations to the General Conference are contained in decision IDB.14/Dec.15.

The Conference will have before it:

- Revised draft medium-term plan, 1996-2001. Proposals of the Director-General (IDB.13/19)

- Board decision IDB.14/Dec.15 on the medium-term plan, 1996-2001

(d) **Programme and budgets, 1996-1997**

In accordance with Articles 14.1 and 14.3 of the Constitution, the Director-General shall prepare and submit to the Board through the Programme and Budget Committee a draft programme of work for the following fiscal period, together with the corresponding estimates for those activities to be financed from the regular budget. The Director-General shall, at the same time, submit proposals and financial estimates for those activities to be financed from voluntary contributions to the Organization. The Board shall examine the proposals of the Director-General together with any recommendations of the Committee and adopt the programme of work, the regular budget and the operational budget, with such modifications as it deems necessary, for submission to the Conference for consideration and approval. Such adoption shall require a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.

At its thirteenth session, the Board in its decision IDB.13/Dec.14 approved a ceiling for the regular budget for the biennium 1996-1997 representing zero real growth as compared with the biennium 1994-1995, without prejudice to appropriations to be adjusted according to financial regulation 5.2.

The Programme and Budget Committee at its eleventh session considered the proposals of the Director-General contained in document IDB.14/2 and Corr.1 and, in its conclusion 95/8, recommended to the Board that it adopt for submission to the General Conference the programme and budgets for 1996-1997 as contained in that document.

Subsequently, the Board at its fourteenth session adopted decision IDB.14/Dec.7 relating to the financial situation of UNIDO and the programme and budgets 1996-1997. In that decision, the Board requested the Director-General to prepare preliminary expenditure plans within the framework of document IDB.14/2 and Corr.1 and decided to resume its fourteenth session on 31 October 1995 for the purpose of reviewing those expenditure plans. It also recommended that the General Conference at its sixth session take a formal decision on the approval of the programme and budgets for 1996-1997 as adopted by the Industrial Development Board at its resumed fourteenth session.

The Conference will have before it:

- Board decision IDB.14/Dec.7 on the programme and budgets, 1996-1997

- Programme and budgets, 1996-1997. Based on the recommendations of the Industrial Development Board at its resumed fourteenth session (GC.6/4/Add.1)

(e) **Field representation**

The financial situation of the UNIDO Country Director (UCD) programme and proposals for a new framework for field representation have been the subject of extensive discussions during 1994 and 1995 at the level of the Programme and Budget Committee and the Industrial Development Board, as well as at informal consultations. The Conference will be informed of the latest developments, as reflected in the following documents of the fourteenth session of the Industrial Development Board:

- The UNIDO Country Director programme and proposal for a new framework for field representation. Submitted by the Director-General (IDB.14/25)

- Board decision IDB.14/Dec.14 on the UNIDO Country Director programme

Item 9. Industrial development and cooperation activities

Of relevance to this item is the *Global Report 1995*, which has as its main theme "sustaining the growth impulse in a changing global environment".

Also of relevance to item 9 and many of its sub-items will be the *Global Forum on Industry: Perspectives for 2000 and Beyond* to be held at

New Delhi, India, from 16 to 18 October 1995. Organized by UNIDO in cooperation with the Government of India, the Forum will bring together a group of senior industrialists, high-level government officials and renowned economic experts to deliberate the prospects for industry in the year 2000 and beyond. The group will analyse the role, trends and outlook for industrial growth and elaborate a concept of global industrial partnership for competitive and sustainable growth. In the light of the increasing interdependence of countries and the links being forged between institutions and private firms in different countries, the Forum is also expected to assess the implications of contemporary economic development and their impact on industrial strategies and policies in countries at different levels of development.

In addition to the documentation mentioned under sub-items (a) to (j), the Secretariat will present to the Conference under this item:

- *Industrial Development: Global Report 1995*. Executive summary prepared by the Secretariat (GC.6/18)

- *Report of the Global Forum on Industry: Perspectives for 2000 and Beyond* (GC.6/31)

(a) **Industrial development cooperation (General Assembly resolution 49/108, including the external debt and industrial development)**

As a follow-up to resolution 47/153 on **industrial development cooperation** adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Director-General, through the Secretary-General, submitted a report on the subject to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session (A/49/347). On that occasion, the Assembly adopted resolution 49/108, which is herewith brought to the attention of the Conference. In that resolution, the General Assembly invites UNIDO to contribute, in the context of its programmes and activities, to achieving the aims and action programmes adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, and the International Conference on Population and Development, and calls upon it to contribute to the preparations for the World Summit for Social Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II). A report on UNIDO's contributions in that respect will be submitted under sub-item 9 (i) below.

Concerning the **external debt and industrial development**, in its resolution GC.5/Res.9, the General Conference requested the Director-General: (a) to ensure that in the planning, formulation and implementation of UNIDO activities the debt problems of developing countries be considered in connection with the priorities of developing countries; (b) to improve the present methods of industrial financing and to apply, within the sphere of competence of UNIDO, innovative approaches and proposals for projects that take into account, *inter alia*, debt servicing burdens and that are aimed at attenuating the negative effects of external debt on industrial development; and (c) to promote financial contributions to the Industrial Development Fund to rehabilitate and increase the competitiveness of industry of the highly indebted developing countries. It also requested the Director-General to report on the implementation of the resolution through the Board to the Conference at its sixth session. Such a report was submitted through the thirteenth session of the Board, which took note of it.

The Conference will have before it:

- Resolution on industrial development cooperation adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its forty-ninth session (49/108)

- Global priorities. UNIDO contribution to global United Nations conferences. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/23). (Submitted under sub-item 9 (i))

- The external debt and industrial development. Progress report by the Director-General (GC.6/6-IDB.13/13)

(b) **Industrial and technological growth and competitiveness**

As one of the five development objectives of UNIDO, industrial and technological growth and competitiveness is covered in one of the sections of chapter II of the *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994*, which reviews the activities of the Organization that primarily address that development objective.

Documentation submitted under other sub-items (in particular sub-items (f) and (h)) is also of relevance to that development objective.

The Conference will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.14/10, chap. II.A.1)

- Development and transfer of technology. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/26). (Submitted under sub-item 9 (f))

- Private sector development, industrial rehabilitation and modernization. Report by the

Director-General (GC.6/25). Submitted under sub-item 9 (h))

(c) **Development of human resources for industry**

As one of the five development objectives of UNIDO, development of human resources for industry is covered in one of the sections of chapter II of the *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994*, which reviews the activities of the Organization that primarily address that development objective.

At its fifth session, in resolution GC.5/Res.2, the General Conference, while endorsing Board decision IDB.11/Dec.3, also requested the Director-General: to address in particular the needs of managerial training and human resource development in the areas of technology and management, quality control and productive techniques; to strengthen institutions in developing countries to enhance their capacity for national execution of development cooperation projects; to assist in the assessment of changing skill requirements and in strengthening the capacities of industry, especially industrial associations for human resource development; and to report on the implementation of the resolution through the Board to the Conference at its sixth session.

The report of the Director-General (GC.6/5-IDB.13/12, chap. I) was presented to the Board at its thirteenth session. On that occasion, the Board in its decision IDB.13/Dec.3 requested the Director-General to further develop and strengthen the human resource development activities of UNIDO in a number of areas, to continue to mobilize extrabudgetary resources in support of these activities, and, in his report to the General Conference on the implementation of resolution GC.5/Res.2, to comment also on the implementation of the recommendations of the in-depth evaluation of UNIDO human resource development activities prepared by the UNIDO Evaluation Staff.

The Conference will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.14/10, chap. II.A.2.)

- Progress report for 1994 on human resource development. Submitted by the Director-General (GC.6/5-IDB.13/12, chap. I)

- Development of human resources for industry. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/24)

(d) **Equitable development through industrial development**

As one of the five development objectives of UNIDO, equitable development through industrial development is covered in one of the sections of chapter II of the *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994*, which reviews the activities of the Organization that primarily address that development objective as well as in other reports dealing with UNIDO's contribution to social development.

Related to the subject is also the development of small- and medium-scale industries. In its resolution GC.5/Res.5, the General Conference approved the UNIDO programme for small- and medium-scale industries contained in document GC.5/11 and requested the Director-General to present to the Conference, through the Board, a report on the implementation of that programme. That report (GC.6/5-IDB.13/12, chap. IV) was presented to the Board at its thirteenth session. The Board in its decision IDB.13/Dec.6 requested the Director-General to further develop the programme and report to the General Conference at its sixth session.

The Conference will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.14/10, chap. II.A.3; IDB.14/10/Add.3)

- Progress reports on integration of women in industrial development (GC.6/5-IDB.13/12, chap. VII; IDB.14/10/Add.3, chap. III)

- Global priorities. UNIDO contribution to global United Nations conferences. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/23). (Submitted under sub-item 9(i))

- Progress report for 1994 on small- and medium-scale industries. Submitted by the Director-General (GC.6/5-IDB.13/12, chap. IV)

- Small and medium enterprises. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/27)

(e) **Environmentally sustainable industrial development**

As one of the five development objectives of UNIDO, environmentally sustainable industrial development is covered in one of the sections of chapter II of the *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994*, which reviews the activities of the Organization that primarily address that development objective.

Recalling, *inter alia*, Board decisions IDB.11/Dec.6 and IDB.11/Dec.18, the General Conference in its resolution GC.5/Res.6 requested the Director-General to take into consideration in implementing the UNIDO environment programme the need: to enhance the transfer of cleaner production technologies and

techniques to developing countries under most favoured nations arrangements; to promote the capacity of developing countries to develop and produce such technologies and techniques; to promote technical cooperation among developing countries in environment-related matters; to further enhance in-house analytical capacity in the field of environment and energy; to disseminate information on environmental risks associated with industrial processes and technology, and measures for protection against such risks; and to take appropriate measures to comply with all relevant recommendations of Agenda 21 and seek a leading role for UNIDO in their implementation. It also requested the Director-General to take into account in implementing UNIDO energy activities the need of developing countries: to utilize better their own energy resources in order to increase their industrial production; to develop their capacity to produce energy-related technologies for industrial development; and to focus on the provision of energy for rural industries. The Director-General was requested to present through the Board to the General Conference at its sixth session a report on the implementation of the resolution.

The report of the Director-General (GC.6/5-IDB.13/12, chap. V) was presented to the Board at its thirteenth session. On that occasion, the Board adopted decision IDB.13/Dec.7 in which, while commending the Director-General and his staff on their efforts, the Board addressed further requests to the Director-General including a report on developments in that sector to the Conference at its sixth session.

The Conference will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.14/10, chap. II.A.4)

- Progress report for 1994 on environment, energy and sustainable industrial development. Submitted by the Director-General (GC.6/5-IDB.13/12, chap. V)

- Environmentally sustainable industrial development. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/28)

(f) International cooperation in industrial investment and technology, including cooperation among developing countries

As one of the five development objectives of UNIDO, international cooperation in industrial investment and technology is covered in one of the sections of chapter II of the *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994*, which reviews the activities of the Organization that primarily address that development objective.

Recalling, *inter alia*, Board decision IDB.11/Dec.21, the General Conference in its resolution GC.5/Res.7 requested the Director-General to take a number of actions aimed at furthering the industrial development of developing countries, particularly the least developed, through the expansion and strengthening of relevant **industrial investment promotion** activities of UNIDO, and to further seek ways of enhancing the efficiency, effectiveness and impact of the programme, with due regard to the recommendations of the relevant in-depth evaluation and relevant paragraphs of document GC.5/23, in particular paragraphs 46 and 76. The Director-General was also requested to report on the implementation of the resolution through the Board to the Conference at its sixth session.

The report of the Director-General (GC.6/5-IDB.13/12, chap. VI and Add.1) was presented to the Board at its thirteenth session. In its decision IDB.13/Dec.8, the Board further requested the Director-General to take a number of actions and report on their implementation to its fourteenth session. That report is contained in document GC.6/5/Add.2-IDB.14/16. At its fourteenth session the Board adopted decision IDB.14/Dec.19, which addresses a number of requests to the Director-General related to the Investment Promotion Service (IPS) offices, and IDB.14/Dec.20 which makes recommendations to the General Conference concerning the guidelines for the functioning of the IPS offices.

With regard to the **development and transfer of technology**, the Board in its decision IDB.11/Dec.20 and the General Conference in its resolution GC.5/Res.3 requested the Director-General to promote certain options in the implementation of UNIDO activities on development and transfer of technology, to continue his efforts to monitor and evaluate new and emerging technologies that might be beneficial to the developing countries, and to examine constraints in the access to and transfer of technology to developing countries, with a view to identifying remedies to them through cooperation with other relevant organizations. The Conference also requested the Director-General to provide information services to industry to facilitate the widest possible access of developing countries to technological information on industrial subsectors and strengthen the functions of the Industrial and Technological Information Bank accordingly; and to report on the implementation of resolution GC.5/Res.3 through the Board to the Conference at its sixth session. The report of the Director-General (GC.6/5-IDB.13/12, chap. II) was presented to the Board at its thirteenth session. In its decision IDB.13/Dec.4, the Board addressed further requests to the Director-General in the continued implementation of UNIDO activities on development and transfer of technology, including a report thereon to the Conference at its sixth session.

Concerning **economic and technical cooperation among developing countries** (ECDC/TCDC), the General Conference at its fifth session (resolution GC.5/Res.10) addressed a number of requests to the Director-General aimed at enhancing ECDC/TCDC, and also requested him to report on the implementation of the resolution, through the Board, to the Conference at its sixth session. Two reports on the subject were submitted to the Board: one at its twelfth session (IDB.12/3) when the Board adopted decision IDB.12/Dec.8; the second at its fourteenth session when the Board adopted decision IDB.14/Dec.18 in which a number of actions were requested of the Director-General including a report on the implementation of the ECDC/TCDC programme to the General Conference at its sixth session.

The Conference will have before it:

On industrial investment promotion

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.14/10, chap. II.A.5)

- Progress report for 1994 on industrial investment promotion. Submitted by the Director-General(GC.6/5-IDB.13/12, chap. VI)

- Progress report for 1994 on specific UNIDO activities. Addendum. Industrial investment promotion: Measures to improve and strengthen the UNIDO network of Investment Promotion Service offices. Report by the Director-General. (GC.6/5/Add.1-IDB.13/12/Add.1)

- Industrial investment promotion. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/5/Add.2-IDB.14/16)

- Board decisions IDB.13/Dec.8, IDB.14/Dec.19 and IDB.14/Dec.20 on industrial investment promotion

On development and transfer of technology

- Progress report for 1994 on the development and transfer of technology. Submitted by the Director-General (GC.6/5-IDB.13/12, chap. II)

- Development and transfer of technology. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/26)

- Board decision IDB.13/Dec.4 on the development and transfer of technology

On cooperation among developing countries

- Board decision IDB.14/Dec.18 on ECDC/TCDC

- Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/12-IDB.14/17 and GC.6/12/Add.1)

(g) **Industrialization of the least developed countries**

In its resolution GC.5/Res.16, the Conference requested the Director-General, within the framework of the overall revitalization of UNIDO and its prioritization and structural reform as contained in document GC.5/23, to continue to accord highest priority to the UNIDO least developed countries programme, including the use of funds from the Special Industrial Services programme, the Industrial Development Fund and other sources available to UNIDO in order to assist in the implementation of the Industrial Action Programme for the Least Developed Countries. It also requested the Director-General to take appropriate measures to implement the conclusions and recommendations of the Second Ministerial Symposium on the Industrialization of the Least Developed Countries (Yaoundé, 3-10 December 1993) and to present a report on the implementation of resolution GC.5/Res.16 to the Conference at its sixth session through the Board.

Two reports on the subject were submitted by the Director-General to the Board, at its twelfth and thirteenth sessions (IDB.12/6 and GC.6/5-IDB.13/12, chap. VIII). The Board adopted decision IDB.12/Dec.6.

The Conference will have before it:

- Board decision IDB.12/6 on the industrialization of the least developed countries in the 1990s

- Progress report for 1994 on the industrialization of the least developed countries. Submitted by the Director-General (GC.6/5-IDB.13/12, chap. VIII)

- Industrialization of the least developed countries. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/20)

(h) **Private sector development**

The activities of UNIDO aimed at private sector development are described in the *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994*.

In its resolution GC.5/Res.4 the General Conference recognized the increasing role of the private sector in industrial development and the need for UNIDO to take into consideration supporting the development of the private sector in its programmes and projects. In that context the Conference approved the

UNIDO programme for industrial rehabilitation and modernization (GC.5/12/Rev.1) and requested the Director-General to cooperate with regional organizations assisting developing countries in industrial rehabilitation and modernization and to take into consideration the activities of relevant organizations in the field of privatization and cooperate with them. The Director-General was requested to present to the Conference at its sixth session, through the Board, a report on the implementation of resolution GC.5/Res.4. The report of the Director-General (GC.6/5-IDB.13/12, chap. III) was presented to the Board at its thirteenth session. The Board in its decision IDB.13/Dec.5 addressed further requests to the Director-General including a further report on the subject to the General Conference at its sixth session.

The Conference will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.4/10, chap. II.B)

- Progress report for 1994 on industrial rehabilitation and modernization. Submitted by the Director-General (GC.6/5-IDB.13/12, chap. III)

- Private sector development, industrial rehabilitation and modernization. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/25)

(i) **Global priorities (follow-up to major United Nations conferences, e.g. International Conference on Population and Development, World Summit for Social Development, Fourth World Conference on Women)**

UNIDO's participation at major United Nations conferences and its activities to enhance the role of industrial development in the overall development agenda are described in the *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994*. That information has been updated in a report to the Conference.

The Conference will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.14/10, chap. V)

- Global priorities. UNIDO contribution to global United Nations conferences. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/23)

(j) **Operational activities for development**

In its resolution 47/199 on the triennial policy review of the operational activities for development within the United Nations system, the United Nations General Assembly addressed a number of issues and requested the Secretary-General to ensure that the provisions of the resolution were fully implemented by the organizations of the United Nations system. The General Assembly also called upon the governing bodies of the specialized agencies to take appropriate action for the full implementation of the resolution and requested the respective executive heads to submit a yearly progress report to their governing bodies on measures taken and to be taken for its implementation. At its twelfth session the Board considered a report by the Director-General on the subject (IDB.12/9) and in its decision IDB.12/Dec.10 requested the Director-General to continue to take the appropriate measures to provide the necessary technical and other support services to developing countries to, *inter alia*, improve the capacity for national execution of their development projects and to report on the implementation of the decision through the Board to the Conference at its sixth session. The report of the Director-General (GC.6/15-IDB.14/22) was presented to the Board at its fourteenth session.

Concerning **UNIDO technical cooperation activities**, the General Conference in resolution GC.5/Res.1 requested the Director-General to further enhance the quality management system in conformity with the relevant paragraphs of document GC.5/23 on funds mobilization and quality management, and to report through the Board to the Conference at its sixth session. Two reports were presented by the Director-General on the subject to the Board at its twelfth and fourteenth sessions (IDB.12/8 and GC.6/8-IDB.14/14). The Board adopted decisions IDB.12/Dec.5 and IDB.14/Dec.5.

The Conference will have before it:

- Operational activities for development. Note by the Director-General (GC.6/15-IDB.14/22)

- UNIDO technical cooperation activities. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/8-IDB.14/14 and GC.6/8/Add.1)

Item 10. Regional priorities and programmes

In addition to the documentation listed under sub-items (a) to (c) below, a brief review of development trends in 1994 in the various developing regions and key aggregate figures on the involvement of UNIDO in that year can be found in the *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.14/10, chap. III).

(a) **Africa (in particular the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa)**

The General Conference at its fourth session, in resolution GC.4/Res.8, decided to adopt the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for

Africa (IDDA) (1991-2000) covering the national, subregional and regional components contained in document CAMI.10:ICE/1991/6/Vol.1 and Vol.2 and recommended its adoption to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session. In its resolution 47/177, the General Assembly, while adopting the programme for the second IDDA, adjusted the period for the second Decade programme to cover the years 1993-2002, and urged the Director-General to integrate the relevant provisions of Agenda 21 in the implementation of the Second Decade.

In its resolution GC.5/Res.12 the Conference at its fifth session addressed a number of requests to the Director-General related to the implementation of the Second IDDA. The Director-General was also requested to present a report on the subject to the Conference through the Board. The report of the Director-General (GC.6/11-IDB.14/21) was presented to the fourteenth session of the Board which adopted decision IDB.14/Dec.16.

At its forty-ninth session, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 49/107 in which it took note of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the implementation of the programme for the second IDDA (A/49/372). It also requested UNIDO to give full assistance to improving the competitiveness of the industrial sector in Africa and to formulating measures to improve it in the light of the conclusion of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations and, in cooperation with the African Development Bank and other subregional, regional and international financial and banking institutions, to provide support, especially in the development of new and innovative measures to mobilize resources and promote foreign direct investment, to African countries. The Secretary-General was requested to report on the implementation of resolution 49/107 to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

The Conference will have before it:

- UNIDO support for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/11-IDB.14/21)

- Board decision IDB.14/Dec.16 on the Second IDDA

- Implementation of the programme for the Second IDDA (1993-2002). Report of the Secretary-General to the United Nations General Assembly at its fiftieth session

(b) **Arab countries**

The Special Programme for Industrial Development in the Arab Countries was established by the Board at its fifth session (decision IDB.5/Dec.26). At its fourth session the General Conference in resolution GC.4/Res.5 listed the priorities for the activities of the Programme. Subsequently, in its resolution GC.5/Res.13 the Conference requested the Director-General to undertake a number of measures aimed at enhancing the Special Programme. The Director-General was also requested to report on the subject through the Board to the Conference at its sixth session. A report by the Director-General on the subject (GC.6/9-IDB.14/15) was presented to the Board at its fourteenth session. In accordance with Board decision IDB.14/Dec.17, the report has been updated for submission to the Conference.

The Conference will have before it:

- Arab countries. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/9/Rev.1)

(c) **Asia and the Pacific**

The Special Programme for the Industrial Development of Asia and the Pacific was approved by the General Conference at its third session (resolution GC.3/Res.18).

At its fifth session, in resolution GC.5/Res.14 the Conference addressed a number of requests to the Director-General related to the implementation of the Special Programme. The Director-General was also requested to report on the subject, through the Board, to the Conference at its sixth session. The report of the Director-General (GC.6/13-IDB.14/18) was presented to the Board at its fourteenth session when the Board took note of the report. An updated version of that document has been prepared for the General Conference.

The Conference will have before it:

- Special Programme for the Industrial Development of Asia and the Pacific. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/13/Rev.1)

(d) **Latin America and the Caribbean**

The Regional Cooperation Programme for the Industrial Recovery of Latin America and the Caribbean was established by the Board at its fifth session in decision IDB.5/Dec.25.

At its fifth session, in resolution GC.5/Res.15, the General Conference addressed a number of requests to the Director-General related to the implementation of the Regional Programme. The Director-General was also requested to report on the subject, through the Board, to the Conference at its sixth session. The report of the Director-General (GC.6/14-IDB.14/19) was presented to the Board at its fourteenth session when the Board took note of the report. An updated version of that document has been prepared for the General Conference.

The Conference will have before it:

- Regional Cooperation Programme for the Industrial Recovery of Latin America and the Caribbean. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/14/Rev.1)

(e) **Europe and Newly Independent States**

Information on activities carried out by UNIDO for Central and Southeastern Europe and the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union is provided in the *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.14/10, chap. III.E). An updated version of that chapter has been prepared in a separate document for the General Conference.

The Conference will have before it:

- UNIDO activities in Europe and the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/19)

Item 11. Mobilization of financial resources for UNIDO programmes

Information on the activities of the Industrial Development Fund is included in the annual reports of UNIDO for 1993 and 1994 and in documents IDB.13/4 and Corr.1 and IDB.14/5. Decisions of the Board concerning the programmes for 1994 and 1995 and the proposed programming thrust for 1995, 1996 and 1997 are contained in the reports of the Board on its twelfth and thirteenth sessions (GC.6/3 and GC.6/4).

Concerning pledges of contributions to the Fund for 1996 and future years, these could be communicated to the Secretariat in writing prior to the sixth session of the Conference. Pledge forms for that purpose will be attached to a letter being sent by the Director-General to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of all Member States of UNIDO. Alternatively, pledges may be announced by Member States during the consideration of this item. The pledges made in writing prior to the Conference would be acknowledged by the President of the Conference during the plenary discussion of this item.

In its resolution GC.5/Res.8 on the Industrial Development Fund and other voluntary contributions, the Conference requested the Director-General: (a) to prepare comprehensive policy guidelines for all projects funded from funds administered by UNIDO, as stated in document GC.5/29; (b) to report on the results of the in-depth evaluation on special trust fund projects, as requested by the Industrial Development Board in decisions IDB.5/Dec.12 and IDB.6/Dec.14, taking into account the new organizational and staff structure of UNIDO as set out in document GC.5/23; (c) to strengthen the capability of the Organization in the field of resource mobilization and management of voluntary contributions; and (d) to report on the implementation of that resolution to the Conference at its sixth session through the Board. The relevant reports of the Director-General (IDB.13/9 and IDB.13/24) were submitted to the Board at its thirteenth session. The Board, in its decision IDB.13/Dec.16, took note of those documents and requested the Director-General to encourage Member States to formalize joint bilateral arrangements with UNIDO in order to discuss relevant technical cooperation matters with the countries concerned.

Furthermore, in its decision IDB.13/Dec.11, the Board encouraged the Director-General to continue to cooperate with the United Nations Development Programme, as well as with major donors and international financial institutions, in order to increase voluntary contributions for strengthening the technical cooperation activities of UNIDO.

Concerning projects financed under trust fund arrangements, in its decision IDB.14/Dec.3 on the *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994*, the Board requested the Director-General to resubmit to the Conference at its sixth session more detailed information, including graphics, on a geographical and sectoral basis concerning both third-party as well as self-financed trust funds.

The Conference will have before it:

- Report on preparation of comprehensive policy guidelines for all projects funded from UNIDO-administered funds. Report by the Director-General (IDB.13/9)

- In-depth evaluation of special trust fund projects. Progress report by the Director-General (IDB.13/24)

- Board decision IDB.13/Dec.16 on guidelines and procedures governing acceptance and funding of UNIDO-administered funds

- Board decision IDB.14/Dec.3, paragraph (e) related to special trust funds

- Projects approved under trust fund arrangements. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/21)

Item 12. Financial and administrative matters:

(a) **Financial situation of UNIDO**

The Conference will have a report by the Director-General showing the financial situation of UNIDO as of 31 October 1995 (to be updated immediately before the opening of the session).

At its thirteenth and fourteenth session, the Board adopted a number of decisions related to the financial situation of UNIDO: IDB.13/Dec.11, IDB.13/Dec.12, IDB.13/Dec.13, IDB.13/Dec.14, IDB.14/Dec.7, IDB.14/Dec.11 and IDB.14/Dec.12.

In decision IDB.14/Dec.7, which is also related to the programme and budgets 1996-1997 (see item 8 (d) above), the Board decided to consider at its resumed session in October 1995, with a positive approach, and with a view to its approval by the General Conference at its sixth session, the use of unutilized balances with respect to the biennium 1992-1993.

When approving the programme and budgets, 1994-1995, the General Conference at its fifth session also adopted decision GC.5/Dec.19 in which it: (a) urged the Director-General to finalize with the United Nations as soon as possible the arrangements for the transfer of administrative responsibility for conference services from UNIDO to the United Nations Office at Vienna; (b) authorized the Director-General, upon finalization of those arrangements, to implement the necessary adjustments within the net resource allocations of those programmes affected and included in the programme and budgets, 1994-1995; and (c) requested the Director-General to report on the subject to the General Conference at its sixth session through the Board. Two reports thereon were submitted by the Director-General through the Board at its thirteenth and fourteenth sessions (GC.6/7-IDB.13/17; GC.6/10-IDB.14/20).

The Conference will have before it:

- Board decision IDB.14/Dec.7 on the financial situation

- Report on the financial situation of UNIDO as of 31 October 1995. Submitted by the Director-General (GC.6/32) (to be updated immediately before the sixth session)

- Information on developments concerning the unified conference service. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/7-IDB.13/7; GC.6/10-IDB.14/20)

- Any recommendations emanating from the resumed fourteenth session of the Board (GC.6/4/Add.1)

(b) **Working Capital Fund**

In accordance with financial regulation 5.4, upon recommendation of the Programme and Budget Committee and subsequently the Board, the Conference shall determine the amount and purposes of the Working Capital Fund. Financial regulation 5.5 (d) stipulates that advances to the Working Capital Fund shall be assessed and paid in United States dollars.

Information on the status of advances to the Working Capital Fund will be provided in an annex to the report on the financial situation (see sub-item 12 (a) above).

At its fifth session, the Conference in decision GC.5/Dec.16 decided that for the 1994-1995 biennium the level of the Working Capital Fund and the authorized purposes of the Fund should remain the same as for the previous bienniums (see decision GC.2/Dec.27).

The Conference will have to take action on the recommendations of the Board concerning the level and purposes of the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1996-1997, as contained in Board decision IDB.14/Dec.8.

The Conference will have before it:

- Status of advances to the Working Capital Fund as of 31 October 1995 (GC.6/32, annex) (to be updated immediately before the sixth session)

- Board decision IDB.14/Dec.8 on the Working Capital Fund

(c) **Scale of assessments of Member States**

In accordance with rule 13.1 (k) of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the provisional agenda for each regular session of the Conference shall include recommendations of the Board for the establishment of the scale of assessments. Article 15 of the Constitution stipulates that regular budget expenditures shall be borne by the Members, as apportioned in accordance with a scale of assessments established by the Conference by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting, upon the recommendation of the Board. That Article also stipulates that the scale of assessments shall be based to the extent possible on the scale most recently

employed by the United Nations and that no Member shall be assessed more than 25 per cent of the regular budget of the Organization.

In its decision IDB.14/Dec.6, the Board recommended to the Conference the establishment of a scale of assessments for the 1996-1997 biennium based on General Assembly resolution 49/19B to be adjusted to the membership of UNIDO, on the understanding that, in accordance with financial regulation 5.6, new Members shall be assessed for the year in which they become Members on the basis of the United Nations scale of assessment as applicable to UNIDO.

The Conference will have before it:

- Board decision IDB.14/Dec.6 on the scale of assessments

- Scale of assessments for the fiscal period 1996-1997. Note by the Secretariat (GC.6/33)

(d) **Appointment of External Auditor**

In accordance with financial regulation 11.1, an External Auditor, who shall be Auditor-General (or an officer exercising an equivalent function) of a Member State, shall be appointed in the manner and for the period decided by the Conference. By decision GC.5/Dec.17, the Conference appointed the President of the Federal Court of Audit of Germany as the External Auditor for UNIDO for a period of two years beginning on 1 July 1994. At its fourteenth session, in its decision IDB.14/Dec.9 the Board recommended that the General Conference approve an extension of that appointment for a period of two years, from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1998.

The Conference will have to take action on the recommendations of the Board on the question of the appointment of an External Auditor for the period 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1998, as contained in:

- Board decision IDB.14/Dec.9 on appointment of External Auditor

(e) **Personnel matters**

The Conference will have to take action on the recommendation of the Board (IDB.11/Dec.32) concerning candidates for election to the **UNIDO Staff Pension Committee** for the biennium 1996-1997.

The Conference will have before it:

- Board decision IDB.14/Dec.22, paragraph (e), on the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee

(f) **Headquarters agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria**

In accordance with Article 20.2 of the Constitution, "the Organization shall conclude a headquarters agreement with the Host Government".

The General Conference, in its decision GC.5/Dec.11, having taken note of the information provided by the Director-General (GC.5/24), requested him to submit the agreement with the Republic of Austria concerning the Headquarters of UNIDO to the Board for approval and for reporting thereon to the Conference at its sixth session.

Having considered a progress report by the Director-General on the subject (IDB.14/11), the Board, in its decision IDB.14/Dec.23, requested the Director-General to submit a report on the Headquarters agreement concluded between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria to the General Conference for appropriate action.

In the following document the Conference will be informed of the latest developments:

- Headquarters agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/29)

(g) **Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations**

In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the provisional agenda for each regular session of the Conference shall include reports from specialized and related agencies and from other intergovernmental organizations with which UNIDO has concluded a relationship agreement pursuant to Article 19.1 (a) of the Constitution, and items proposed by them, where the agreement establishing the relationship with the organization concerned so provides.

Furthermore, in the guidelines for the relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations adopted by the General Conference at its first session (decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex), it is stipulated that the Director-General shall report to the Conference at each regular session on any agreements with intergovernmental and governmental organizations entered into by him on behalf of the Organization since the preceding regular session as well as on any consultative relations established with non-governmental organizations in the same period.

The Conference will have before it:

- Matters related to intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations. Note by the Director-General (GC.6/16)

(h) **Computerization programme**

In its decision GC.4/Dec.18, the Conference at its fourth session requested the Director-General, with a view to ensuring the transparency of all operations concerning the electronic data-processing (EDP) programme and avoiding a repetition of past difficulties, to report to the subsequent sessions of the policy-making organs on the programme and cost of implementing the consultants' recommendations and the recommendations of the External Auditor, as contained in documents GC.4/CRP.1 and GC.4/50, especially those concerning the disaster recovery plan, the organizational and functional changes and the internal control and evaluation of automation projects. It also requested the Director-General to keep Member States fully apprised of the EDP programme by quarterly briefings and informal notes (GC.4/Dec.18, para. (i)). Such briefings have taken place on a regular basis and progress reports were submitted to subsequent sessions of the policy-making organs.

At its fourteenth session, the Board adopted decision IDB.14/Dec.10 in which it considered that such quarterly briefings were no longer necessary and that the electronic data-processing programme needed no longer automatically feature on the agendas of subsequent sessions of the policy-making organs, in the interests of rationalizing the work of the policy-making organs; and recommended to the General Conference that it rescind the mandatory reporting requirements in paragraphs (h) and (i) of decision GC.4/Dec.18.

The Conference will have before it:

- Electronic data-processing programme of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (GC.6/22)

- Board decision IDB.14/Dec.10 on the electronic data- processing programme

Item 13. Date and place of the seventh session

Article 8.2 (a) of the Constitution stipulates that the conference shall hold a regular session every two years, unless it decides otherwise. In the proposals of the Director-General for the programme and budgets for 1996-1997, provisions have been made for the holding of the seventh session of the General Conference for a duration of five working days.

Article 8.2 (b) of the Constitution also stipulates that regular sessions shall be held at the seat of the Organization, unless otherwise determined by the Conference. Accordingly the following dates have been tentatively reserved with the Austria Center for the seventh session:

1-5 December 1997

Item 14. Closure of the sixth session